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Mr. Chester Bowles
Essex, Connecticut

Dear Chester:

This is just a note in reply to your letter of May 6 to let you know I am trying to get together for you some material on the Mikhailovich-Tito matter as well as a list of titles which you might wish to read on the subject.

As you are probably aware, feelings and factionalism on this conflict were, and still are, so strong and bitter that it is quite difficult to find any really objective reporting on the situation. However, I am hopeful that I can come up with some material and references which will be helpful to you.

With best wishes.

Faithfully yours,

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Remarks:

DCI would like to know if someone can prepare an unclassified paper on this from the old OSS files which can be sent to Mr. Bowles.

Possibly also you can come up with some titles of books or articles on the subject which we consider reasonably accurate and to which DCI can refer Mr. Bowles.

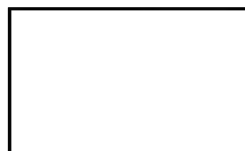
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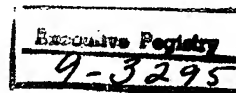
The SE Division in DD/P is working on this
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CHESTER BOWLES
ESSEX, CONNECTICUT

May 6, 1957

Dear Allen:

In Yugoslavia this winter I ran into all kinds of conflicting information on the course of events there during the war and I would like very much to get my facts straight. I refer, primarily, to the Mikhailovich-Tito conflict.

Is there any readily available material that I could read on this that would give me a reliable picture of what went on? Am I right that Mikhailovich had ceased to be much of a factor after 1944? Is the evidence that he was dealing with the Germans really reliable?

I hate to trouble you on such questions. But I know from your own work in that area during the war you must have known this situation intimately and I will be grateful for any guidance that you can give me.

I have thought a good deal about the Soviet World Youth Conference this summer and I am doubly hopeful that there will be some bright, competent young Americans in Moscow at the time that can not only keep the "American representation" from falling into the hands of some of our confused fellow-traveling youngsters but who can make a really positive, affirmative presentation on their own.

I referred in several recent talks that I have given to the need of substantially increased cultural exchange with the Soviet Union and I have found an enormous amount of public support for this view. I do hope that the Administration will seize the opportunity. If they do so, I believe the major section of the American people will be solidly behind them, particularly if they explain their position affirmatively.

With my warmest regards.

Sincerely,

Chester
Chester Bowles

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